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Mr. Lester Snow Executive Director CALFED Bay-Delta Program 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Snow,

This is a letter of support of the Sacramento River Discovery Center 1999 CALFED proposal. This project is a critical component to developing a broader understanding of natural resource conservation issues throughout the Sacramento River Watershed.

The SRDC proposal encourages active participation in conservation activities directly related to the goals of CALFED. The Nature Conservancy has worked with the SRDC to promote education and outreach of the Sacramento River Project. I am impressed with the amount of hands-on experience and community involvement SRDC provides in their K-12 conservation activities.

The work of the Sacramento Discovery Center complements the work of other organizations, institutions and agencies working on land protection and conservation in the Sacramento Valley. The SRDC's proven ability to raise environmental awareness in the Sacramento Valley at the individual and the community level enhances TNC's and others' organizational effectiveness.

I urge you to support this proposal to increase public awareness and appreciation of the resources of the Sacramento River. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sam Lawson

Sacramento River Project Director

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